

2011 North West Spring League

12U & 14U Divisions as of 1-1-11

The following is a list of the guidelines for the Northwest Spring league for the 12 & 14 under divisions.

Rules: Utilize the Babe Rules

Rule Exceptions / Clarifications:

1. Cinderella Batting **IS** required.
 1. All players in attendance bat (player not need be in the field to be in batting order). If a player must leave or is injured, player is skipped in batting order without an automatic out being counted. If a player comes late, they are added to bottom of batting order.
2. Roster size of 15 maximum.
3. Free substitution of players in the field and re-entry rule not in effect.
4. 40' pitching distance for 12u. 43' pitching distance 14u.
5. Pitchers can also re-enter the mound freely (i.e. – One pitcher can pitch Innings 1 & 4 another 2 & 5 and the third 3 & 6).
6. 12U Pitchers may pitch 10 innings of NW Jersey Spring League games during a calendar week. The week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. 14U Pitchers are not limited.
7. Home team to provide umpire for regular season game and initial rounds of playoffs.
8. 7-inning game – Mercy at 12 runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is winning) or 8 runs after 6 (5½ if home team is winning) innings unless coaches want to continue until time limit.
9. Leading from a base is permitted upon the pitchers release.
10. National Division will employ a 10 Batter limit per inning. American Division will NOT employ the 10 Batter limit and the fielding team must make 3 outs in the field. Whenever an American vs. National Game is played the 10 batter rule will be in effect.
11. Time limit of no new inning to begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes. However, once an inning starts, it must be played to completion.

Make-up Games Procedure: Games, if the involved teams elect, will be made up at their discretion. We are scheduling an overabundance of games 12-14 – so all will get 10-12 games played without makeup.

End of Season Tournament: There will be an end of season tournament for both the American and National divisions with trophies for 1st and 2nd place being awarded in each division. The finals will be held in Sparta. There will be 2 umpires provided by Sparta for the championship games.

Umpires: This year, the price for umpires is \$ 50.00. To keep payment easy, the home team will pay \$25.00 and the visitor will pay \$25.00 per game.

Behavior: If any manager / coach / parent is removed from a game for any reason by an umpire during the season, the offending party will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game in addition to the game in which the event occurred. Programs are to also insure that their fans, their players and their coaches behave in a sportsmanlike manner. Sample of behavior guidelines are: No cheering against your opponent. No noisemakers and air horns that have become fashionable of late are allowed. We expect League Presidents to monitor this basic behavior guideline for their program.